

Amendments To The Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 13 and continuing through line 13 of page 14 of the specification, as follows:

Wheels 36 of base 32 allow the device to be transported to a patient's hospital room. Preferably, wheels 36 are provided with conventional locking devices such as wheel locks 120 (shown in Figure 2) so that the device may be locked against rolling movement next to a patient's bed. Preferably, column 38 includes an electric lift mechanism ~~122~~ 121 (see Figure 18) powered by motor 122 and controlled by controller 124 for raising and lowering the support frame with respect to the base. It is desirable that the support frame be adapted to be elevated to different heights, such as (for example) heights between 19 and 34 inches off the floor in order to make the device accessible from a wheelchair or to accommodate transfers from different bed heights. Electric lift mechanism may also be employed to tilt support frame 42 between a generally horizontal attitude that may be as much as 80° from the horizontal (see Figure 11). An electrical cord 126 (see Figure 2) and a handheld control 128 (see Figures 16 and 17) may be connected to the electrical motor 122 in column 38. The controller may include switches or buttons 130 to incline/decline the support frame and buttons 132 to elevate/lower the frame on column 38. A safety mechanism may also be included in controller 128 so that either tilt button 134 or exercise mode button 136 must be engaged for operation. Indicator lights 138 may be illuminated to indicate which mode the device is set for. When the tilt table mode is activated, the preferred tilting mechanism will allow inclination of up to 80° of inclination. If the device is set in the exercise mode, the safety mechanism will preferably limit the lift mechanism so that the angle at

which the support frame is pivoted may not exceed about 25°. This safety mechanism ensures a therapist from over-tilting the device during exercise as this could cause injury to the patient.

Please amend the paragraph found on page 15, at lines 4-6 of the specification, as follows:

As has been described herein, device 30 employs a single lift and tilt mechanism ~~422~~ 121 that is adapted to pivot the support frame on the base, and to pivot the upper section of the carriage with respect to the lower section.